Judgments of the High Court not reported.

5. *Mr. **M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many judgments of the High Court pronounced during the last 3 years have been ordered by the Judges not to be reported;

(*b*) what are the grounds on which such orders have been passed; and

(*c*) what, if any, is the authority under which such orders are passed?

Mr. T. C. Thommen: (*a*) It is not possible to give the number, as there is no register kept for the purpose.

(*b*) When any decision of the High Court is, in their opinion, not of sufficient importance to be followed as an authority, the High Court give the necessary direction in the matter of reporting such decision in the Law Reports.

(*c*) The matter is entirely within the discretionary authority of the High Court in the exercise of its inherent powers.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: With regard to the answer to part (*b*), may I know from the member whether there is any special meaning attached to the word 'sufficient'?

Mr. T. C. Thommen: That is the opinion of the Judge.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether it is the opinion of the Judge which counts in such cases?

Mr. T. C. Thommen: Yes.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether there is anything to prevent the public from obtaining a copy of such judgment?

Mr. T. C. Thommen: I think everybody can apply and get a copy.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: In that case may I know whether there is any objection in admitting such judgment?

President: I am afraid the Government cannot answer that question. That is a matter for the Judiciary to decide whether they would admit a particular document in a court of law.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether the judgments of the High Court are binding on the subordinate courts or not?

President: The honourable member can answer the question himself.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: In that case, may I know from the member whether there is any special reason in saying that a particular judgment should not be reported in the Law Reports?

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President : The member has already answered that it is entirely in the discretion of the Judge to decide whether the judgment should be reported in the Law Reports or not.

Tondankulangara—Munro-light road.

6. ✻**Mr. K. Padmanabha Panickar** (*Ambalapuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have called for a regular detailed estimate for the construction of the Tondankulangara—Munro-light road in Arianad South pakuthi, Ambalapuzha taluk ;

(*b*) if they have received the estimate, what the total estimate amounts to ;

(*c*) whether they have directed or sanctioned the provision of any amount for the construction of the road in the P. W. D. budget for the current year ;

(*d*) if so, what is the amount ; and

(*e*) whether they are aware that almost all the owners of lands on either side and adjoining the selected route for the said road have cleared the lands by removing the trees, fencing, etc., from their respective plots, which are required for properly widening the said road ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott ; (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes ; but it was not possible to provide funds for the work.

(*d*) This does not arise.

(*e*) A petition to this effect has been received by the Chief Engineer and the necessary verification is being made.

Mr. K. Padmanabha Panickar : With reference to the last portion of the question, may I know when the petition was received by the Chief Engineer ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: I must claim notice. I cannot state it off-hand.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: May I know when the estimate was called for ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: I think it was in July this year.

Travancoreans employed in the South Indian Railway.

7. ✻**Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad** (*Jenmies*) : Will the Government be pleased to obtain and supply information as to the number of Travancoreans employed in the Travancore branch of the South Indian Railway and also the percentage of such number to the total number of appointments in that branch ?

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